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TOPIC	Military Activity in the Area of the Third Gds Mees Army in the Kummersdorf-Rehagen area.		
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1. Between 31 July and 5 August 1955, the Artillerie Kaserne (3281) in Kummersdorf was still occupied by approximately 2,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets with and without motor transport insignia respectively. The bulk of the trucks, approximately 800 vehicles, were still seen in the installation. Approximately 50 vehicles were used every day for driving instruction.

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2. Between 7 and 17 August 1955, the Neue Kaserne (3643) in Wuensdorf was occupied by approximately 40 soldiers. Heavy weapons were not observed in the installation.²

3. Between 7 and 17 August 1955, the Eisenbahn-Pionier Kaserne (3381) in Rehagen was occupied by less than 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black with artillery insignia and black epaulets without artillery insignia. During the period under review no guns were observed in the installation.

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4. On 4 August, the barracks installation north of Drachhausen (3304) was occupied to capacity by approximately 800-1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. As far as could be seen, the tank and SP sheds were also occupied to capacity. All tanks and SPs were covered with canvas. The construction of a low wooden building for teaching purposes was started.⁴

5. On 5 August no military personnel except guard forces with red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the Lieberose (3302) and Schoenhoehe (3305) camps. Between 28 July and 5 August 1955, the whole of the Lieberose training grounds was quiet. No entraining or detraining was observed at Jamlitz railroad station. On 7 August, the Lieberose camp was still empty.

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Rumors were heard that the camp was to be handed over to the KVP before the end of 1955, but it was not possible to verify these rumors.⁵

6. On 15 August 1955, at approximately 1300, 4 x SU-100 SPs and 10 x T-34s were entrained at Wittenberg railroad station.⁶ At approximately 1315, a troop train passed Wittenberg railroad station from the direction of Halle and went in the direction of Jueterbog. The train included an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 trucks loaded with canvas-covered pontoons, 2 trucks loaded with straw and 1 converted boxcar carrying personnel with black epaulets.⁷ After 3 August, the Wittenberg garrison was again at the Gallin-Wartenburg training grounds. Upstream from Gallin in the direction of Elster, and downstream from Gallin in the direction of Muehlanger, a motorized ferry was observed. Tanks and vehicles were ferried across the Elbe river continually. The inhabitants of the nearby villages were forbidden to come near the Elbe banks. After 7 August, the exercises were held in the Elster-Elster area. During the night of 10 August, a major night exercise was held. The only weapons except the air force took part. The UNCODED area suffered seriously from the excesses of Soviet troops during the time of the night exercise only a few Soviet soldiers and members of the Air Force, were seen in Wittenberg.⁸

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8. On 30 July 1955, the Rosslau engineer training site was evacuated because of floods. The units stationed there left for the Luke area.⁹

9. On 16 August 1955, at approximately 0600, 6 x 37-mm AAA guns, 6 - 8 AAA guns, presumably 85-mm, 20 - 25 trucks, and 2 radio or repair shop trucks were loaded onto approximately 10 boxcars. This troop train passed Jueterbog railroad station at approximately 1045 in the direction of Wittenberg or Falkenberg.¹⁰

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On 16 August 1955 at approximately 1045, a troop train carrying artillery arrived at Jueterbog. The train which was allegedly bound for Forst Zinna, consisted of approximately 8 - 10 flatcars carrying 12 guns, presumably 122-mm field howitzers, approximately 25 - 30 trucks, 1 sedan, 1 van-like truck, 1 radio truck, and 2 field kitchens. On 16 August at approximately 1630, this train was again seen at Forst Zinna railroad station.¹¹

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On 16 August 1955 at approximately 1530, military equipment, including 6 x 37-mm AAA guns, approximately 6 heavy AAA guns, approximately 20 - 25 trucks, and 3 van-like trucks were loaded on 10 - 12 flatcars at Forst Zinna railroad station.¹⁰ On 16 August at approximately 1300, the unloading at Jueterbog railroad station of a troop train including 40-50 trucks and billeting equipment, was observed from afar. The column left for Altes Lager (3205) in Jueterbog.¹²

1. Comment. Apparently no changes occurred in the Artillerie Kaserne in Kummerdorf prior to 5 August.

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2. Comment. The light occupations of the Neue Kaserne in Wuensdorf is probably due to the fact that tank firing details of the 69th Mecz Regt were transferred to Letzing Heath training grounds by rail.

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3. Comment. The light occupation of the Eisenbahn Kaserne in Rehagen is due to the fact that elements of the 3d Gds AAA Div, were transferred to the Wustrow AAA firing range. 25X1
4. Comment. Apparently no changes occurred in the barracks installation north of Drachhausen prior to 4 August. 25X1
5. Comment. During 1955 the Lieberose (3302) and Schoenheeehe (3305) camps have not yet been occupied. No confirmatory information concerning the handing over of the Lieberose camp to the KVP is available. 25X1
6. Comment. Presumably tank firing details of the 6th Gds Tank Div, were entrained. 25X1
7. Comment. No additional information on this troop train is available. 25X1
8. Comment. The exercises held in the area south-west of Wittenberg apparently involved the bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div. The tank units of this division had held another exercise in this area in June. 25X1
9. Comment. The Rossau engineer training site on the Elbe river had already been evacuated between 9 and 19 July. 25X1
10. Comment. the personnel and equipment entrained at approximately 0600 were presumably AAA units of the Third Gds Mees Army. The 2 troop trains observed on 16 August at Forst Zinna railroad station are perhaps identical with the 2 shipments went from Forst Zinna to Altengrabow on 16 August. 25X1
11. Comment. No additional information on this troop train carrying artillery is available. 25X1
12. Comment. It is believed that a unit of the 14th Gds Mees Div, returned to post. 25X1

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